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Dear Dr. Stuberg and Members of the Committee:

I own Ponca Family Dentistry in Ponca, NE, and have been practicing there as a general dentist for two and a half years after graduating from UNMC. I currently am on the board for the Nebraska Academy of General Dentistry, and I am also a delegate for the northeast district of the Nebraska Dental Association.

I am writing in support of the NDA/NDAA's 407 for the following reasons: We are a rural office, and see many Medicaid patients and children there for I would use an expanded function dental assistant and hygienist. I would use them in my practice to improve efficiency and allow us to see more patients in a more timely manner under indirect supervision performing reversible procedures only. I do not see the place for expanded function assistants or hygienists performing irreversible procedures under general supervision.

Sincerely, Natalie Leader, DDS